Town of Edmonston
Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 1, 2025
Via Teleconference

1. Mayor Gant called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and teleconference attendees were Council Members Kony Serrano-Portillo, Betsy McCauley, Town Administrator Rod Barnes, Town Clerk Averi Gray & Police Chief Eric Beale. Council Members John Johnson and Sarah Turberville were absent.

2. The Council discussed a request by Meredith Massey, 47th Avenue, to turn off new streetlights at certain time. The light is disruptive late into the night, and she expressed concern about area wildlife. Mayor Gant and the Town Council are sympathetic to Ms. Massey's concerns and hope that she will get accustomed to the lighting in time.

3. The Council discussed a request for funds from the Town to contribute to the purchase of a new EMS Vehicle for the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Sumner, Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department indicated that the department's fleet is aging and that there is a need for new equipment to ensure the preparedness, reliability, and overall safety for the community. The Chief requested increased funding from the Town of Edmonston. The Town Council is open to the request and will take it into consideration.

4. The Council reviewed the concept for the Hispanic Mural being developed by local artist Rose Jaffe. Rose shared a draft of her mural design which includes garden/bouquets, a table setting cultural elements from South and Central America, a soccer sport reference and wording such as "From Many Roots one Home" in Spanish and English. Rose Jaffe added that the surface would be primed, and she would use long lasting exterior paint. She will follow up with a schedule to complete the project. Mayor Gant thinks the mural will be beautiful and attract people to use the trail. Council Member McCauley would like the inclusion of an element representing the state like the Black-Eyed Susan, the State Flower.

5. Review the Agenda for the July 9 Regular Town Council Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

. a. Minutes

I. The minutes from June 3 Town Council Work Session.

II. The minutes from the June 11 Regular Town Council meeting.

b. The consideration of the request by the Police Department to dispose of two surplus police cruisers via Govdeals.com. Police Chief Beale wants the proceeds of the sale to go towards the repair and update of the Domestic Violence vehicle.

c. The Council will consider the of a bid award for the installation of sidewalks on 52nd Avenue and Crittenden Streets. (Bid Opening July 8, 2025)

6. Closed Session (If needed) – 1. To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto 2. To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals and/or to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.2. The consideration of the purchase of land.

7. – At 7:40, Mayor Gant adjourned the meeting.

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Mayor, Tracy R. Gant

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Averi Gray, Town Clerk